Ten Shop Workers, Singed By Flames, Leap From Windows of Middle Street Building Several Hurt in Falls and Others Carry Burns.

Three Firemen Narrowly son Avenue and Overturns.

Ten persons jumped from the third story window of the ilton Brass Co., and other con-cerns, at Middle and Golden Hill streets when a small fire broke out today.

and some were hurt.

Three firemen narrowly escaped death when No. 4 engine crashed into a big tree near Eagles' hall and turned over.

The fire started in a japanning oven in the A-A Electric Co. which occuples part of the floor space of the Heath Manufacturing Co.'s plant on the second floor. Herbert Tier, who gave his address as 760 Broad street, was about to start a fire in the baking oven that dries the japanned goods. He struck a match. There was a slight puff of flame which threw burning japan about the room. Instantly clouds of dense chemical
smoke of the burning shellac and
amyl acetate which forms the base of
the composition filled the entire

of the United States, that even greater

greater efforts seems to be indicated by the early
efforts of the workmen.

"Bridgeport is known all over the
country today because of the proof the United States, that even greater
greater efforts.

The A-A and Heath employes fled

trap. / As they ran down the stairnear the burning by fire and smoke. One of the men was overcome and was dragged up-stairs by his fellow-workers. He is them, we expect, and general success ing. believed to be Michael Cobally, 30 years old of 150 Thompson street, who was later injured by jumping to the roof of T. Hawley & Co., which was covered with snow and ice.

Smoke was pouring into the upper floor of the building and became choking. Ten of the men ran to the rear window and jumped, one after another, a distance of more than a story and a half. They obtained egress to a street by means of the T. Hawley & Co.'s new hardware building on Mid-dle street. Cobally was picked up where he had fallen and carried into Bridegroom One Week, Exthe Hawley store. Dr. Deery, sum-moned with the emergency ambulance corps, declared that he had suffered a of the right leg, near the ankle, and removed the patient to his

An alarm of fire turned in from box No. 316, at Golden Hill and Main called Engines 1, 5 and 9. chemical 1, truck 2.

When the first engine arrived on the scene the employes of the Gilbert shop were leaning periously from the windows of the third story, prepared to journe to the street below. Their agonized cries for a ladder and the belief that the fire was spreading rapidly below them caused grave apprehension and repeated shouts from spectators not to jump. Firemen finally qui-eted them and they were induced to crawl back into the smoke-filled build-the cashier's wicket a week ago to-

the hallway door leading from the gotten by Cashler John Gillen in Gilbert shop to A A factory in which closing the safe for the night. originated, was locked, was later investigated by Captain Thomas F. Broderick, inspector of combus-tibles. He found that the lock worked, but that the smoke was too dense for the men to penetrate below to the street.

Damage to the building was slight

Many of the men who jumped, surfered painful bruises, and limped to their home before assistance could be rendered by the department. Some were holding their hands and wrists in a manner that indicated they had been scorched by flame. Their names could not be ascertained by the fire

W. B. Gilbert, owner of the pattern shop, was among the last to seek safety, having seen that all his men were accounted for. When the apparatus arrived he was among those who were clinging, to the outside of the win-dows far above the street. He said that the smoke was so sudden and its in a wreck early today on the Intereffect upon the lungs so irritating that colonial Railway near Deer Hill, Que., John J. Phelan, anticipating a fatal nobody could withstand it for more than two minutes after the first on-(Continued on P.ge 2.)

THE WEATHER

Fear Park Board Will STORIES Be Catspaw In Crane AT FIRE Grab For South Ave.

Crane Company Is Obligated to Give to the City the "Concession" Which it Promises in Return For the Closing of Old Thoroughfare, Whenever the Barnum Heirs Feel So Disposed-City Spent \$6,500 on Macadam For South Avenue Last Year.

Every little while a matter comes before the board of al-Escape Death When En-dermen in which the whole city has deep interest and yet few gine Rushing to Fire people realize the fact. The proposed closing of South avenue Co. to cut the price of armor from Strikes Big Tree on Madi- from Iranistan avenue west is such a matter.

This matter has been up several times. The petition of the Crane company has been denied only to be renewed. Another petition is now pending and, after a hearing, is to be given another hearing the first Monday in April.

The Park board has become interested in this latest petibuilding occupied by the Ham-tion. The president of the board apparently favors it. C. S. Canfield, one of the far-seeing members, opposes it. But it looks as though the people in general had a far greater interest in the question than the Park board or the Crane company.

Several were painfully injured. Driven from their work-rooms by spitting flames that inflicted painful burns, they crowded through the windows and some were hurt.

Here are the views of a citizen who Co. in that company's effort to grab South avenue. Hope not, but it looks of South avenue. Hope not, but it looks mighty like it.

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"South avenue has been a public dynamic president, George M. Eames, is going to play catspaw for the Crahe (Continued on Page 12.)

of the United States, that even greater gressiveness of its workers. Keen

building. Tier's clothing was in flames from his head to his feet but assistance was quickly given and by means of burlap bags the flames were extinguished before his body was burn-look is unusually bright.

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Interest is manifest all over the country in what the Bridgeport men are doing, and in Buffalo where they had a bigger strike than any here, the peolook is unusually bright. look is unusually bright.

Mr. Anderson is in this city to help going on in Bridgeport than in their

launch the spring campaign for a gen-eral eight hour day in Bridgeport. He More than 1,500 machinists gather-Anderson today. "Those cities that the spring campaign. An entertain-doned on account of becoming obso-haven't the shorter hours will get ment was interspersed with the speak-

STOLE BECAUSE HE LOVED HIS BRIDE, HE SAYS

press Building Janitor is Thrust Into Cell.

"I stole because I love my bride," said Frank Dungleman, 1249 State street, a bridegroom of but a week arrested today by Detective James Bray. when investigation of the payment of run down by a trolley car at William several old debts gave clues to the street and Crescent avenue. the treasurer's department of the Market. Adams Express.

police assert the janitor of the Exreport that the spring lock on ing \$100 in bills that had been for-

Dungleman was married last Thursday. He returned from his honeymoon last night with his bride, formerly Miss Bessie Blanchard, a West End sactory girl, with who mother the prisoner had boarded. This morning the police learned that he was paying extensive debts sided for upwards of 30 years. and the blaze was soon exinguished with chemicals. It is not believed that the loss to equipment will be more than nominal.

about the city, not commensurate with his wages, \$12.50 a week. The arrest and alleged admissions of theft followed. The prisoner is held for trial in the city court Wednesday.

HURT IN WRECK **ON CANADA ROAD**

Quebec, March 22-Four persons were killed and many others injured according to reports received here.

MOTHER OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DEAD

Elkton, March 22,-Mrs. Ellen Green McReynolds, mother of Supreme Court Justice McReynolds, died at her home here today. She was 70 years old.

PENDERGAST, HIT BY TROLLEY, DIES OF HIS INJURIES

Run Down 10 Days Ago Succumbs in Hospital.

1028 State street, died at the Bridge-Pendergast had resided for many

years with his son-in-law. Hugh Greg-

ory, clerk in the Bridgeport Public He is survived by three "I wanted to treat her right" the Mary Dean and Mrs. Joseph McCor. daughters, Mrs. Hugh Gregory, Mrs. mack, the latter two of Springfield, Mass. One granddaughter, Miss Marguerite Gregory, employed in the local telephone exchange and a krandson, B. A. Gregory, salesman for the Diamond Match Co., also survive. The funeral will be held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Gregory, 1028 State street, on Friday morning at 8:30 and thence to Sacred

Heart church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Michael's cemetery. Pendergast was a respected resi-dent of this city where he has rehe was usually employed in the Pub-

lie Works department. He had just returned from lunch at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the fatal accident. He endeavored to cross the street in front of Challenger's newsroom when he was struck and cnocked down by a west bound trolle- car. Pendergast suffered a frac-ture of the skull and he was hurried to Bridgeport hospital in a dying con-

dition. After a few days' treatment at the Bridgeport hospital he appeared to be recovering and it was believed for a while that he would recover. His condition took a sudden change for

the worse Monday. Following the accident, Coroner outcome, made an investigation, questioning witnesses.

Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick today viewed Pendergast's body at the Bridgeport hospital. He sent to Cor-John J. Phelan a finding that Pendergast died of concussion of the brain and shock as a result of being (Continued on Page 2.)

STEEL CO. READY TO CHOP PRICES

Fear of Government Plant Causes Company to Offer a Reduction.

PROFFER A CUT OF \$30 ON A TON

President Grace Says Federal Factory Would Close Steel Plant.

Washington, March 22-When the House naval committee today receiv ed the Tillman bill for a government armor plate plant, which passed the Senate yesterday, it also received a proposal from the Bethlehem Steel the present price of \$425 a ton to

This offer previously was made to the Senate committee and ignored. In the face of threats after the Senate committee's refusal to entertain the proposal that the armor makers would raise the price if the bill passed, the company's renewed offer caus-

ed much surprise. The proposal was submitted by President Grace, of the Bethlehem Co. who repeated his statement that if the government erected a plant private works worth more than \$20,000,000 President

"The Bethlehem Steel Co., altogether aside from its financial interests, recognized its obligation as a citizen that will throw a little light on the and, in order that its position may be clearly understood, now desires formally to submit the following proposition to the federal government:

"We will manufacture one-third or such additional quantity as may be awarded to us, of the armor plate required for the contemplated five year naval program, estimated at approximately 120,000 tons, at a price of \$395 per ton as compared with the price of \$425 now obtaining.

"The proposed price is lower than has been paid by the government for more than ten years. "If the foregoing price is not satis-

factory we will agree to permit any well known firm of chartered accountants or the feleral trade commission, to inventory our plant and make careful estimates of the cost of manufacture, with that data in hand we will meet the secretary of the navy and guarantee to manufacture armor at a price which will be entirely satisfactory to him as being quite as low as the lowest price at which the government could possibly manufacture ar-

"We make the foregoing proposition rather than have our plant put out of ployes of the W. B. Gilbert Metal Patis making his temporary headquarters ed last evening in Sokol hall and heard to the general executive in that plant. This figure does not "Everywhere east of Illinois a de-termined drive for the eight hour day "resident Anderson. The keynote of tures, certainly \$2,000 . for the plants apanning room they were forced back will be made this summer," said Mr. the meeting was "Preparedness" for and equipment which have been aban-

> "We are today selling armor to the United States government at a lower price than England, Germany, France, Austria and Japan are paying, even where the government itself (Japan) has embarked in the business. Not only is that true, but the specifications of the United States are much more rigid and the wages paid are very much higher than those prevailing in any foreign country.

"Steel prices are continually going bassador Gerard's remaining in Berto make a defir up and they are today much higher lin was to await Germany's proposal tion of neace." than has been the case for many years. In spite of that we offer to Well Known Old Resident make armor at a lower price than the United States has paid for 29 years and we agree to accept this price for the next five years. We also call attention to the fact that though since the war began we have been able to Patrick Pendergast, aged 60, of Europe to get almost any price we chose to ask for ordnance, he have during the period made no addition port hospital today from injuries re-ceived 10 days ago when he was United States government for any of the ordnance products which we man-ufacture."

> Explosion Victim Will Recover, Is Hospital Report

At press hour today it was reported at the Bridgeport hospital that William Bergold, who was severely infured in an explosion of fulminate at the factory of the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co., was out of danger and that his speedy recovery was looked for. Bergold's left hand was so severely injured that amputation was necessary and he also suffered severe cuts on the left side. Coroner Phelan visited him yesterday and endeavored to obtain a statement as required by He law when death seems imminent. The was employed about the yards of the coroner was out of town this afternoon Wheeler & Howes Coal Co., during the winter months. In the summer time but will obtain Bergold's statement tomorrow.

Mystery of Wreck Victim's Identity Halts Probate Case

Cullinan & Mullins have been conirmed as administrators of the estate of John Collins or Connors who was killed in the railroad wreck at Indian River, Milford, on Washington's birthday. M. J. Holloran, an adjuster for the New Haven road had previ-ously appeared before the probate ously appeared before the probate ing and dispensed liquor on Sunday. The didn't know how it was discovered the didn't know how it was discovered the probate ing and dispensed liquor on Sunday. mude on a nominal basis.

In view of the fact that it has not yet been determined whether Collins was a passenger who had paid fare over the road or was an employe of the company, Judge Miller has decided to postpone the settlement of the estate for several months. If Coldamages only. If he was a passen-ger his heirs would share in several thousand dollars damage. It tity has not been established. His iden-

THREE ARE DEAD, SCORES HURT IN TORNADO THAT SWEEPS HOOSIER STATE

Indianapolis, March 22-Three men were killed, two women and two men were seriously hurt, more than fifty persons received minor injuries and property was damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars by the wind storm that swept northern Indiana late last night, according to reports received here today. The storm prostrated wire service throughout the northern part of the state.

ports received today from the district which was swept by a tornado late last night show that one man was killed, probably 20 persons injured and many thousands of dollars damage done. The storm, which did not last more than 10 minutes, swept across this city in a narrow path. In the business district doors were torn off, windows broken and trees uproot-

Trees falling across telegraph and telephone wires severed wire com-munication. Street car traffic was heaped upon the tracks and the carrying away of electric light wires left

the city in darkness. The roof of a broom factory was home of Benjamin Ricketts, killing kakee. embers of the family.

An unidentified woman was brought Ind., were said to have suffered some members of the family.

to this city from Trimmer, Ind., where damage. she had been severely crushed. Chicago. March 22.-A sleet storm storm which caused considerable dam- track five miles east of here by a cyage to electric light and telephone clone last night. Twenty-seven pas-wires throughout he city last night, senger were on board the train, but

were left in darkness. But little prop-Logansport, Ind., March 22-Re- erty damage was done. One or two small fires broke out.

Reports from the northeastern part of Illinois, in the vicin ty of Kankukee and Beaverville and from Marcon and Logansport, Ind., told of a tornado which caused the loss of one life, injury to a number of persons and heavy damage to property. Telegraph and telephone wires were down and communication with outlying points were

Marion, Ind., reported a passenger train on the Toledo, St. Louis & West-ern (Cloverleaf) railroad, blown from the tracks near that city late last brought to a standstill by debris night. Several persons were injured but none was killed.

Four cars were overturned and a fifth was tilted dangerously. Five houses were destroyed at Pittsblown off and crashed against the ville, Ill., and ten demolished at Kan-

Marcon, Ind., March 22 .- Three coaches of the Cloverleaf passenger today followed the rain and thunder- train No. 5 were blown from the

AUSTRIANS ABANDON CAPITAL OF BUKOWINA; RUSSIANS PUSH **NEW DRIVE ON EASTERN LINE**

Whole streets and sections of the city none was seriously injured

London, March 22-Abandonment! for of Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina, for that inference being drawn."
by the Austrians, is reported in an unby the Austrians, is reported in an un-official wireless despatch received took notice of publications by denying No details relative to his/disap-

from Amsterdam by Central News, for the United States, as the larges mor on its own account, after taking says that the Turks have evacuated neutral, to renew its friendly offices into account all proper charges. Wires From Front miles west of Erzerum.

have gained no success in their great gotiations. extended offensive against the German lines, the war office announced today.

WHITE HOUSE DENIES GERMAN PEACE REPORT

the discussion caused by the decision

the effect that the purpose of Am-bassador Gerard's remaining in Ber-to make a definite move in the direc

here today from Rome.

A Busharest despatch forwarded United States that the time was ripe had been informed that Mr. Gerard had been requested to postpone his

Unofficial reports reaching here today said the ambassador actually had for more than 24 hours

The state department today again reported fighting yesterday between took cognizance of the report and the following statement was issued:

Quipa. "Any statement that the German Washington, March 22-Regarding government had intimated that its de- tion with General Pershink remains sired this government to act as mediaof Ambassador Gerard to remain in tor in peace negotiations or had in tions of the expeditionary force has Berlin, the following statement was any way suggested, formally or in-

YOUNG EMMETS DECLARE CLUB IS BONA FIDE

County Commissioners Reserve Decision on Club License Remonstrance.

Officers and members of the Young a hearing on the remonstrance against the club's application for a liquor liin existence for many years and that only members in good standing were allowed to enter on Sunday. He produced bank books showing the club had \$452 in the treasury. received from the sale of liquor is signed to Harlem river or via clared the treasurer.
Former President Patrick Coleman

find the minute book which contained records of recent meetings. He said river for said lines or terminals." this volume had been taken by the police or had been mislaid by one of the officers. Dog and Liquor Agent John Brown, freight for export."

Jr., told of raiding the club last month upon complaint of people who had been annoyed by intoxicated men coming from the lobby of the building at Main and Congress streets. The witness said the Loval Order of whether the intoxicated men came Hedden. from the Young Emmet club or the the April term of the superior court

The witness declared that when the raiding party entered they found were drinking.

DELAY LIFTING OF EMBARGO ON

SHIPMENTS OUT

Time Limit Is Extended From Midnight, Tonight, Until Sunday Night.

The New York, New Haven & Hart-Emmet club testified before the ford Railroad Co. today announced county commissioners this morning at that the freight embargo effective at midnight March 18 and which was base of the American expeditionary Treasurer James Lynch de- to have ended at midnight March 22, force at Casas Grandes was restored clared the organization was a bona has been extended to Sunday night, fide one. He said the club had been next. The embargo was placed "upon all freight originating at stations on army aero corps. the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad or the Central New England Railway, and connecting lines, condeposited in the club treasury and no loss 31, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 70, anxiety today definite news of the individual profits from the sale, de- East river, New York, North First Junoor military aviators, Edgar S. street, Brooklyn and all other Brook-Former President Patrick Coleman of the club produced some of the club produced some of the club record books but said he could not find the minute book which contained or when for lighterage from Harlem Thomas S. Bowen, who was injured The previous notice said that the Grandes. embargo would expire on March , "as to New York local delivery but not on

LOCKWOOD WANTS FREEDOM

brought divorce proceedings against today. It was stated that this plan Mary Lockwood of this city, alleging was under consideration as an alter-Moose had quarters in the same build- desertion March 8, 1913. The couple were married September 13, 1907. Mrs. quest of the Washington government Lockwood's maiden name was Mary

STEALS CAMERA.

A man whose description has been club furniture consisted of about 24 given, the police entered the drug lins was an employ of the road his chairs, three tables, a bar and a cash store of H. DeVorken at Seaview and heirs would be entitled to nominal register. At the time of the raid two men were playing cards and the rest to make a purchase. While the clerk was waiting on him the stranger The commissioners reserved decis- grabbed a camera valued at \$22.50. He then ran from the place.

Scouts Report That United States Aviator Has Landed South of Expeditionary Camp -Other Still Missing. Headquarters Says.

Telegraph Wires From Army Cut, and Wireless Fails After Few Message Come Are Received - No Reports of Clash With Villa.

San Antonio, March 22-One of the aviators missing from the squadron that went to join General Pershing's column, descended somewhere south of Casas Grandes, it was learned at General Funston's headquarters today. His name was not

Earlier reports had indicated that both came down somewhere along the line of communication between the border line and Casas Grandes, General Pershing's advanced base of operations.

Reports today explained that one reached Casas Grandes and was sent south over the country in which the three detachments of cavalry are operating. pearance were received.

Out of Commission

El Paso, March 22-The telegraph wires between Junez and Casas Grandes were still cut today so that postponed his vacation but gave no Gaviera has been without news of what is transpiring at the scene of the

> On the American side communicalimited and nothing about the opera-

mechanical equipment. The mystery over what is happening between Juarez and Casas Grandes is deeper than ever today. The distance between these two towns about 130 miles traversed by the Mexico Northwestern Railway. General Gaviera declared yesterday that he was sending out a repair train under guard to restore the wires and report on what caused their interruption. Early today no report had been received and the Mexican officials profess to be completely at a loss as to what occurred. As the time lengthens since Flight Lieut. Robert H. Willis Jr., and Edgar S. Gorrill, who disappeared with their

two officers started their flight from Columbus, Sunday. WIRELESS NOW WORKING Columbus, N. M., March 22-Wireless communication with the advanced today. Several messages, all in code, were received, but none gave word of the two missing lieutenants of the

aeroplanes into the Chihuahua desert,

fears for their safety deepen

STUDENT AVIATORS ANXIOUS. San Diego, Cal., March 22-United fliers here awaited with Gorrell and Robert N. Willis, Jr., who by a fall in his machine near Casas

May Send New Army El Paso, Tex., March 22-American military authorities are contem-plating sending a new column into Mexico from Fadens, a village 30 miles east of here, it was reported native should Carransa refuse the red's maiden name was Mary for the use of Mexico Northwestern The action is returnable to Railroad over which to transport sup-

plies to American troops. FINED FOR FIGHTING

Joseph Costello, age 24, 163 North Washington avenue, and Harold Mc-Grath, age 21, 246 Harral avenue, were fined \$5 and costs each in cky court this morning. They were charged with mutual assault and breach of the peace. In city court both denied that there was any fight.